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- Conversations of an officer and crew members of the S.S. Lechistan indicated that the cargo of the ship, which had been declared as iron, screw bolts and earthenware, actually consisted of war materiel for Albania. *
- Sailors said that a box had slipped from a crane and broken during the loading operations in Gdynia. The ship's crew then discovered that the box contained machine-gun barrels. Contents of the box had been declared as earthenware for Albania.

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Comment. The S.S.Lechistan went through the Kiel Canal on 3 May 1950, en rute to Alexandria, Palestine and Albania, from where she was to proceed to Odessa without cargo. This steamer trades regularly on the Danzig/Gdynia - Mediterranean route.

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